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SUBJ: REPORTS ON STANAVFORLANT AND STANAVFORCHAN

THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS TEXT OF PO/74/168, DATED DEC 23, 1974,
BY WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL PROPOSES THAT THE DPC APPROVE
SUBJECT REPORTS BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION
TO THIS PROCEDURE AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WILL APPROVE
REPORTS.

BEGIN TEXT:

REPORTS ON STANAVFORLANT AND STANAVFORCHAN

REFS: MCM-85-74

MCM-88-74

THE REPORTS BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE RECENT
ACTIVITIES OF STANAVFORLANT (MCM-88-4) AND STANAVFORCHAN
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(MCM-85-74) HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.
I BELIEVE THAT THESE REPORTS DEMONSTRATE THAT THESE TWO FORCES
CONTINUE TO CO-OPERATE EFFECTIVELY AND TO JUSTIFY THE REASONS
FOR WHICH THEY WERE ESTABLISHED.

2. STANAVFORLANT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS IN ALL ITS OPERATIONS. I SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR TO THE CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OF THE FORCE COMMANDER'S REPORT WHICH INDICATES THE HIGH STANDARD OF MORALE OF BOTH OFFICERS AND MEN WHICH PREVAILED IN HIS SHIPS.

3. WITH REGARD TO STANAVFORCHAN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS POINTED OUT THE OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED DUE TO THE LACK OF STANDARDIZATION OF SHIPS, EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT. IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD RECALL THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON STANDARDIZATION BY MINISTERS IN THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE EARLIER THIS MONTH.

4. I DOUBT, HOWEVER, WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THESE REPORTS IN COMMITTEE; UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 10TH JANUARY, 1975 I SHALL RECORD THAT THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN NOTED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THAT THEIR CONGRATULATIONS WILL BE EXTENDED TO BOTH STANAVFORLANT AND STANAVFORCHAN FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE RESPECTIVE REPORTS. END TEXT. BRUCE

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